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#### TWELFTH YEAR, NO. 364.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1897.

TODAY'S FEATURES.

Crete.
Action of England in Crete strongly denounced by English press and parliament. Bulgaria is ready to divide the spoils if Greece defeats Turkey.

Insurgents fired on international forces.

Blockade expected to commence within

three days. Secret treaty said to exist between Russia and Turkey.

Cubn.

Weyler proposes to dispose of Rivers in short order. Said that he is to be shot next Saturday.

It is anserted that the Spanish have the

key to the cipher code used in communi-cation between Washington and the American consul general, General Francisco Carillo writes a let-

ill have no cause to regret your ter from Santa Clara, showing reports of his death to be untrue.

Poreign.

The Spanish gained a decisive victory in the Philippines. Several towns were taken and over sixteen hundred prisoners captured.

Reported that Great Britain has leased Delagoa bay from Portugal for thirty

Domestic. Alexis and Ernest Blane were hanged at Lafayette, La., for the murder of Simon Four men hanged at Santa Fe, N. M.

for the murder of Sheriff Chaves, Secretary Gary decides to carry out the provision of the tariff bill by holding samples of goods imported after April 1. The Mississippi floods cause great alarm. Towns are submerged and a break near Helena threatened. East St. Louis is in

The Cuban sailed for Liverpool with her argo of cattle.

J. C. Comer is not likely to recover

his injuries, sustained at Fort Worth. Application filed for a receiver of the West End Town company at San Autonio. Brazos made a slight rise at Waco. State has 7,505,605 acres of land under Ruberoid Roofing,

Legisladive.

Governor vetoed senate bill authorizing guarantee companies to make bonds of

ublic officials. Sensite refused to concur in amendments Peden & Co., the back tax bill. The Senate-Bowser's bill providing for

statistics on cotton ginned occupied all the morning and went over without netion; bills validating Confederate certifiand referring to judicial districts were

The House-Bill authorizing aid to Confederate soldiers and sations was encrossed; general deficiency bill come un as special order, was amonted by striking out certain claims and went over; Willimms asked that the Greer county teachers' bill be passed over the governor's eto, which the house refused to do; bill making it a felosy for bankers to receive deposits when they were aware of insolvency was passed.

The Murkets.

Cotton futures 5 or 5 points higher.

Refined sugar 5-16e higher, making a gain of 16e per pound (or \$1.70 per barrel)

Lemons have advanced The per box.

An onion famine seems unavoidable, May wheat closed at 70.7-8971 at Chi-ago, July closed at 70%-97704. ago, July closed at 70 grrous. Small sales of stocks. Close at fraclound not gains.

Rattronds.

Cotton report of the Sunset and Central

High Katy officials in the city. Cattle shipments from Southwest Texas.

Arguments begun in the rate hearing

The hanging of Alex Terrell. The such hirthday of Mrs. Plety Hadiey. Meeting of Dick Dowling camp and the The Turnverein will elect officers to-

Flight of a carrier pigeon.

The Shearn church revival.
A lively runaway on Main street.

Prospect of a liberal appropriation for Buffalo bayou

GRANT MONUMENT CEREMONIES.

Comment Over the Fallure to Invite Richmond, Va., April 2.- The fact that

R THE LINES OF THE SOUTHSTEAN TELEGRAPH AND invited to participate in the Grant monument ceremonies in New York, and General J. B. Gorden has, it seems, so far garian interests become involved she will here. General Gordon is the head of the United States Confederate veterans of the South. It is insisted that unless he shall have just received a car of Clay and specific Pelse, Write or wire for K. Full Rue SORGHUM, MILLET. be henored with an invitation that no conelderable number of the ex-Confederates will be found in line in New York on the 27th. General Grant was universally admired by the ex-Confederate and by none more than that class in Virginia. Grant Francisco, April 2.- Frank Butler, carried this State for the presidency in leged Australian murderer, made an 1872 through the partiality of the old sol-

> diers, who preferred him to Greeley. Stenmer Went Down.

Columbia, Ala., April 2.-The steamer J.

the Chattahoochee river at midnight last night near here. Five persons are reported

# ENGLAND'S ACTIONS.

Deeds Which Her Porces Are Committing in Crete.

WANTON OPPRESSION OF CHRISTIANS.

Christians Pear That Turks Are Undermining Their Houses.

THE STATES OF THE BALKAN.

Advance If Turkey Is Defeated by Greece.

Canea correspondent will say tomorrow: up. A B ritish detachment was sent to Kastelli, where it proceeded to destroy the Cretan houses. Chains were thrown around

where a company of Bashi Bazouks attacked the Greek lines at Vigla, the British ships supporting the attack with cannon. After the engagement was well under way the European fleet, including the British vessels, opened fire on the small ferce of Cretans, who were compelled to retreat. The Turks then entered the village and began to burn the houses, the church and the monastery.

the Christians withdraw."

SITUATION IN THE BALKANS.

Bulgaria Would Like to Share in powers. After a number of minor speak-ers had participated in the discussion the

seems to be demanded by existing circumstances and is well understood in this case. is the main object which the statesmen of

tested enterprise with reference to Mace-

are reproduced here and commented upor

many other Confederate leaders have been For the time at least, she will maintain been left out, has called forth criticiam then take action, possibly by first appealing to Macedonia as a faithful yassal and

> then both Bulgaria and Servia would probably advance despite the restraining effects of the powers.

> Greece may well ask to be saved from friends like these. The results of the recent conference between Prince Ferdinand and King Alexander at Sofia are ready becoming apparent in rapproachment between the two governments and may soon

"Such an alliance is already openly ad vocated by the ministerial journal, Miri. All hopes that have been entertained at garia are therefore abandoned. There is reason to believe that the rejection of the proposal made by Bulgaria to Greece durting the winter is now ditterly regretted by the king and M. Delyannis. Bulgarla proposed that Greeco should ioin her in pressing the porte and the powers for a scheme of reforms in Macedonia. She was moved by serie to take the Macedonian question out of the hands of the revolutionary societies, which are a constant source of embarrassment to both governments, but the traditional Greek repugnance for the institution of reforms by Turkey proved a fatal obstacle to the entents." ing the winter is now officerly regretted by

Boston, Mass., April 2.—A syndicate of wealthy petrons of sport has subscribed a purse of \$15,000 for a twenty-round conest between Corbett and Fitzsimi

## Rivera Not Afraid to Die.

He said he expected to be shot, but was consoled by the thought that it would help the cause. It is now said he is American citizen. That treachery was used in his capture is asserted in a special cablegram to the New York Herald, which was printed in The Post and in no other Texas paper yester-

#### THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS ALSO.

The Spanish allege that Delgado has made overtures and that negotiations are pending looking to his surrender.

Gamez wrote the correspondent of a Spanish paper, telling him he was sorry he did not kill the Spaniard when he could have done so.

General Lee's family left. he could have done so. General Lec's family left

Colonel Mosby, the Confederate gueri and Lee's family left and the sentence of Satior by to four months' imment.

Herald correspondent

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The Peruvian government reduced the sentence of Sattor Ramsay to four mouths' im-

full power to act, and if the syndicate falls

Emmanni take place in New York at a date to be bombarding E & case opposing the unani-

agreed upon. The plan as arranged is to place the entire jurse in the hands of a well known Boston newspaper man with Gov. Athens, April 2 .- The newspapers unant-

to pull off the contest at the time and mously urge the government to take place selected the whole amount is to be prompt action before the powers present ernment is not yet known. If indeed if one has been reached, but it is believed in official circles that both the king and

> It is reported here that there is great excitement among the Macedonlans and Epirioles in Thessaly because of the rumors of the excesses committed by Turkish troops in Macedonia.

Russin Sending a Battery. London, April 2 .- In the house of commons today, Mr. Curzon, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, answering a mustion, said that the British admiral it Cretan waters had reported having received a dispatch from Colonel Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, which he said was "full of misrepresenta-

tions." Replying to a question relative to the em-ployment of artillery in Crete, Mr. Cur-zon said he was not aware that any of the governments had reached a decision in this dans and their allies. The holley of the British government was to give the Cretans self government. He had not the slightest doubt, he said in conclusion, that Crete would obtain freedom, though he not sending troops to Crete. Blockade Decided Upon.

ST. PETERSBURG, APRIL 2 .- A BLOCKADE OF GREECE, WHICH THE BY EXCITING THE GREEKS TO HOS-TILE ACTS ON THE TURKISH FRON-

TIER. HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON. ATHENS, APRIL 2 .- IT IS REPORTED

BANDS ARE ALREADY CROSSING GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED It is said that no one can hold them SEMI-OFFICIALLY THAT THE BLOCK-

AND TURKEY NEGOTIATED BY the Butsunaria block house, which in high esteem. He praised the volunteers prince Lobanopp and the RE- is occupied by the international for their always honorable acts in the past. PORT THAT THE SULTAN IS AGAIN troops. The Italian guns returned

OFFICER FIRED FIRST.

DEPUTY SHERIFF FROM ABILENE WOUNDED A CIRCUS MAN.

The Officer Wanted to Bring an Em ploye of the Circus to Texas for Trial.

Wichita, Kans., April 2 .- J. V. Cunningham, deputy sheriff of Taylor county, Texas, shot and fatally wounded Joseph B. McMahon in a hotel in this city today. They quarreled over the right of the deputy sheriff to take an employe of McMahou to Texas on a charge of arson. McMahon spoke some sarcastic words to Cunningham and it is said that both pulled pistols together. At any rate the deputy sheriff got in his work first, firing these shots into McMahon, one of which passed their shoulders and it is believed they through the intestines. McMahon is the proprietor of what is known as Bond Bros. circus, whose winter quarters are here. The circus men were very angry and talked about lynching the officer. Mc-

and talked about lynching the officer. McMahon is very popular here.

The man wanted by the Texas officer is
Steve Purdy, a circus performer, who arrived from Fert Worth, Texas, yesterday
to join the circus. He was arrested here
last night on a telegram from Abiliane,
Texas. Cunningham stated that the charge
against Purdy is the burning of the Windsor hotel, the best hotel in Abilene,
Texas, on which there was an insurance of
\$20,000. The hotel was burned on March
\$20,000.

Injunction Removed. Norfolk, Va., April 2.-Judge Hughes today set aside the restraining order which he issued last fall in the rate war be-

tween the Seaboard Air line and the Southern railway. In his opinion handed down today he ваук: "Neither the Raleigh and Gaston, nor

the Georgia. Carthegena and Northern are parties, and yet I am, asked to enjoin rates over them on the mere allegation that the Seaboard, by virtue of owning a majority of Raleigh and Gaston stock controls them. Mere ownership of

### SPANISH HAVE AMERICAN CODE.

Able to Read Dispatches From and to the United States Consul General.

#### THE BENEDICT ARNOLD OF THE CUBAN CAUSE.

Dr. Zertucha, the Betraver of Maceo, Is Protected by the Spaniards, but They Heartily Detest the Traitor -- Said Rivera Is to Be Shot, but World Special Denies This.

New York, April 2.-The Havana correspondent of the Mail and Express sends the following:

"On authority which I believe to be trustworthy, it has been learned that certain Spanish officials here are in possession of the key to the cipher code used in telegraphic communication between the consul general and the state department at Washington. If this be true, the nature of all confidential dispatches that pass between the government of the United States and its representative in Cuba is known not only in Havana but in Madrid, for the home government is kept closely in touch with the most minute details of Cuban affairs. The code used in the consular service is complicated, and is believed to be absolutely secret. It could not, it is said, be studied out even if part of it were known. So if the Spanlards have the key they have probably obtained it from some one in Washington.

"Not a word is transmitted by wire from Havana to any point that does not come under the eye of the censor, excepting, of course, official dispatches to Madrid. All commercial cables are subjected to scrutiny, and while it is not admitted, all of General Lee's messages are known about the palace after they are sent. The story is not vouched for, but the respectability of its author is such as to warrant its publication. The charge is an extremely serious one.

"Rumors that Dr. Zertucha, who was charged with the betrayal of Maceo, is dead, are without foundation. He is still in Hayana, but is in hiding. The fact that he has never been arrested by the Spanish authorities, although captured as an insurgent and is under Spanish protection, corroborates the assertion made months ago that he was a spy employed for the purpose of entrapping the Cuban leader. Zertucha is in an unenviable position. While protected by the Spaniards, he is detested by them, and they are anxious he should leave Cuba. If he does leave he will be liable to be assassinated by some of the Cuban admirers of Maceo. Several of them have sworn Zertucha shall die for his perfidy, and his life will be no safer in the United States than it is now in Cuba. When he leaves here, if he ever does, he will go to New York."

Havana, April 2.—Goneral Rivera will probably be shot very soon if the queen regent does not interfere by cable in his behalf.

The report sent out from Key West to the effect that General Rivers was shot at sunrise this morning is untrue. The trial by court martial of General Rivers is being proceeded with behind closed doors at San Cristobal.

Rivera, according to the regulation a, will be placed for twenty-four hours en capilla, that is to say, after he has been informed of the sentence of condemnation, he will spend a day in a dungeon with a priest as a companion,

MILITARY LINE COMPLETE.

of Paerto Principe.

Havana, April 2.-Dispatches from Clenfuegos, province of Santa Clara, announce that Captain General Weyler has ordered the arrest and imprisonment of the chief of police there, Senor Morreo, several police inspectors and thirty-five other persons. It appears that the captain general while visiting the marine hospital, which contained twenty patients, made inquiries there were of a poorer quality than those served in the military hospitals, where

Among those who are said to be implicated in the scandal is a prominent property owner and a member of the Santa Clara provincial deputation. It is further believed that the responsibility will reach other and more important persons of high social standing. It is also said that several officers of high rank will shortly be standard.

saying they had shared with the regular army in the toil and suffering which fell to the lot of those who were saving the country. The cuptain general in conclusion informed the volunteers that they repre-

country. The captain general in conclusion informed the volunteers that they represented the nerve of the Spanish nationality in the Antillea.

The military commander of a certain town in Santa Chara recently telegraphed to Captain General Weyler announcing that the surrender of an important insurgent leader and his followers was impending and asking General Weyler to call back the columns of troops which were in pursuit of the leader referred to and to stop all active operations against him pending his surrender. The captain general replied that he would not suspend heatilities, adding that the lives of those who desire to surrender and present themselves to the Spanish authorities will be respected by the troops.

The military line across the province of Puerle Principe from Jucarao, in the soits to Moron in the north has been entirely closed. The Spanish troops occupying the island of Turingana, off the Moron coast, have constructed a fort in the only pass which it is possible to get through, and the Spanish military authorities helieve that the line of the forts now stretching across that pert of the island has so restrained the movements of the incure, ents under Ceneral Maximo Gomez that rothing is left to the latter but to escape by sea in a boat.

A dispatch from Santa Chara agnounces the arrest of Senor Penca, editor of El Universo.

The first telegraphic dispatch received.

Universo.

The first telegraphic dispatch received The first telegraphic dispatch received from San Juan Y. Martinez, in the western part of the province of Pinar dei Rio, since the insurrection brake out, arrived here today. The Marquis Palmerola, secretary of the government, has arrived from Clenfuegos and trains are gow running east and west without any difficulty, which is pointed to by the Spanish authorities as being proof of the decline of the insurrection.

being proof of the decime trion.

The Alfonso XIII battallon at a fort across the Henshans-river on the borders of Santa Clars near Gueracabuya was engaged with a force of 2500 insurgents who were trying to cross the river into the province of Matanass. The enemy occupied good positions where they awaited the advance of the troops, in the fight which followed the insurgents were defeated with a loss of many men.

General Carillo Not Dead.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 2.-A letter received here today by Justo Carillo from his brother, General Francisco Carillo, who commands the Cuban forces in Santa Clara province, shows that the recently published report of his death is untrue. He writes to deny the Spanish account and says that he was wounded slightly by

a bullet at the battle in which General Scrafin Sanchez was killed. He adds. "We have plenty of arms and ammunition to support the campaign. Weyler has been around here but he bas

AMERICANS TO BE INDEMNIFIED. Compensation for Prohibition of To-

bacco Exports. Washington April 2.—The closing chapfor of the correspondence which has passed between the United States and Spain respecting the prohibition of tobacco exports which elicited information that the rations from Cuba, as shown in the foreign relation just published, will be very comforting to there are 300 patients. He issued orders to the effect that all persons convicted of depriving the sick of what is due them will be severely punished.

Among those who are said to be implished.

The tobacco Importers, Secretary Unity having been complaining without much savail of the detention in Cuba of tobacco priving the sick of what is due them will that had been contracted for or was even in the nonsession of would-be exporters before the decree was issued suspending imports. Finally came this ultimatum on a contract of the decree was issued suspending imports.

SEMI-OFFICIALLY THAT THE BLOCKADE OF THE GREEK PORTS WILL, BE ENFORCED WITHIN THREE DAYS.

Insurgents Fired on Foreigners.
Canea, April 2—A body of insurgents today fired several rounds at of the Commanders of the volunteer corps of the Commanders of the Commanders of the volunteer corps of the Volunteer

Ordinary Courtmarttal.

New York, April 2 .- A dispatch to the World from Madrid says Rivers and Colonel Bacallao, his chief of staff, will be pary court martial. The government so lirects. It is not at all likely that the leath penalty will be imposed on either.

Water Rations Reduced. Havana, April 2.- There is a great scarity of water at Santiago de Cuba and the authorities there have been compelled to reduce the water rations of prisoners and sick persons in the jails and in the hos-

Sailed for Key West. Pensacola, Fla., April 2.—The cruiser Marblehead has sailed for Key West, and it is officially stated that the cruiser Montgomery will return here at once.
It is reported on good authority that the
tug Monarch recently seized at Key West
is to be brought back to this port.

Rumor of Cuban Peace. Madrid, April 2 .- A rumor is circulated n the chamber of deputies today to the effect that General Maximo Gomes, com-mander in chief of the Cuban army, is



# consider a successful attempt at suicide today by the far ragged incision half an inch star the temporal artery with his aboal. He lost considerable blood and at have succeeded if he had been more raic in locating the artery. If the class sittercom in the cabin of some Mariposa has been turned into size cell, and in it Murderer Butler be taken to the scene of his rimes installa. F. Griggs of the Independent line sank in

Sunday, April Excursion

\$1.00 ROUND TRIP. Gress avenue. 9. a. m., and returning leave Velasco, 6:30 p. m.

PREE BOAT RIDE to the Mouth of the River, the Jetty

Bulgaria and Servin Are Ready to

London, April 2 .- The Daily Chronicle's Here are some of the deeds to which England is setting her hands today: During the week an expedition of British marines. accompanied by cannon, went to Tripole, in Spakia, and examined houses in search of provisions. They destroyed all they found lest the insurgents should get them. A day or so later another expedition by the marines was sent to a village near Seline with the object of finding flour and grain. Later two warships, one a British vessel, dispatched boats fitted with cannon to Columbia river with instructions to secure some small mercantile boats. The peasants refused to surrender them. The European force threatened to destroy the village, whereupon the boats were given

them and fastened to ships, which pulled until the houses collapsed. Another action of British marines was

The Athens correspondent of the Daily News says: "A telegram from Canea says that the Christians who returned to their houses near the magazine, having observed noises of a peculiar character in the night time, sus, oct that the Turks are under-mining their fivellings in order to blow up the Christian quarter of the city should

London, April 2 .- The Times' Vienna correspondent says:

"The Official Journal of Progress, published at Sofia, throws some light on the pessible forms of a Balkan confederation, It says a convention between Bulgaria, Servia and Greece and, perhaps, Roumania, The conference of the Christian states in the Balkans, under the auspices of Russia,

the Halkans must have in view." The Times' Athens correspondent says: Widely varying rumors have been current of late with regard to the joint action of Greece and Bulgaria in the event of war. The attitude of Bulgaria is being watched with close attention. The impression seems to prevail in certain quarters that Bulgaria might be disposed to share Greece's pro-

donia. changed between the students at the University of Osofia and the University of Athens and friendly articles in the journal which represents the views of M. Stolloff, the Bulgarian premier, and his colleagues,

favorably by the official prora. The truth is, Bulgaria does not intend to depart from her present cautious policy, on expectant attitude. If Greeks invade among the troop urging that it would be a Macedonia and reach a point where Bul-

not as the enemy of Turkey. "Should Turkey be defeated by Greece

"Such a movement might not be estensibly directed against Turkey, although lead to a definite combination.

GOVERNMENT DENOUNCED. sure to Be Proposed.

London, April 2 -In the commons today Mr. Labouchere, radical, moved that the house disapprove the advice of the Marquis of Salisbury to the queen to use the British forces against the Cretans or the Greek nation. He made a long and violent speech, denouncing the policy of the government, which he characterized as a policy: "Fostering a perfect nest of anyrchy and

He said he believed that a vote of censure would be proposed before the end of the Easter recess. Mr. Balfour, first lord of the treasury

replying in behalf of the government, said he would welcome the motion of censure. It would give the government an opportunity to defend its policy. He wished to reiterate that the great powers were not siding with Turkey, but were only defending the lives of the Mohammedan Cretans against those who were not Mohammedans and their allies. The policy of the Crete would obtain freedom, though he could not speak of the peace of Europe. The best cours for the maintenance of peace was to re ond the concert of the

matter was dropped. INSURGENTS CROSSING FRONTIER.

Secret Treaty Between Russia and Turkey Said to Exist. London, April 3 .- The correspondent of the Dally Chronicle at Athens WIII say that news COMES FROM the FRONTIER THAT INSURGENT any longer in check. ALBAMA IS ON THE VERGE OF REVOLT. The

correspondent adds: "I CAN ALSO CONFIRM THE RE PORT OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SE-CRET TREATY BETWEEN RUSSIA TRYING TO ARRANGE THE CRETAN the fire. DIFFICULTY BY DIRECT NEGOTIA-

TIONS WITH GREECE.

MISSIONARIES AROUSED. They Consider That They Are Engaged in Religious War. London, April 2.-The Daily Mail's correspondent at Arta says: "The corps of Franc Tircurs, organized by the Greek National society, is acting in this emergency probably claim what the Berlin treaty recognized as her's. The missionaries are ligious war. They wear the cross upon

spread a republican propaganda. THE NORTHWEST FLOODS.

Loss of Property Largely Confined to Poor Residents. St. Paul, Minn., April 2.- The river tonight reached seventeen feet, three feet above the danger line, and the unoccupied flats on the west side of the river are flooded, while the water has surrounded many small shantles on the upper fats, driving Athens regarding the co-operation of Bul- their occupants to school houses and other buildings. The property loss will not be heavy, but the suffering will come on the heavy, but the suffering will come on the noor residents of the flats who can least afford it. Reports from all over the State and from the Red river valley and the valley of the Jim river, in South Dakota, are to the same effect. The heavy snows of the nast winter have had more to do with the flood than the recent local rains. Throughout the western and northwestern parts of Minnesota and South Dakota many trains have been abandoned and many towns have had no mail for three or four days. Loss from stoppage of busicess and damaged property will be heavy all over the Northwest.

Canes, April 2.—The bishop of Canes has sent a message of fervent appeal to the